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I recently received from Dr. Carl Seltzer copies of certain recent letters to Lancet involving a controversy between Professor P. R. J. Burch of the University of Leeds and two individuals named Peto and Mathews, who are probably writing at the behest of Dr. Doll.

Dr. Burch's thesis set forth in the April 28 issue and attacked in the May 19 issue is admirably defended by the Burch letter appearing in the June 9 Lancet. While the subject matter is somewhat difficult to follow, it is of considerable importance.

You may also be interested in the enclosed letter on "Smoking and Immunity" appearing in the June 9 issue. Note particularly the observation by the writers that "after twenty years of expensive research concentrated almost solely on the role of tars, mortality-rates from lung cancer among smokers of 'modern' cigarettes have not taken the plunge hoped for . . .".

I believe that Dr. Seltzer will probably be visiting with Dr. Burch sometime in the near future.

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